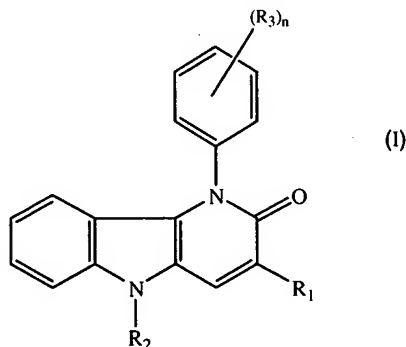


ABSTRACT

SUBSTITUTED INDOLEPYRIDINIUM AS ANTI-INFECTIVE COMPOUNDS

The present invention concerns the compounds of formula (I)



their *N*-oxides, salts, stereoisomeric forms, racemic mixtures, prodrugs, esters and metabolites, wherein *n* is 1, 2 or 3; *R*₁ is H, CN, halo, aminoC(=O), C(=O)OH, C₁₋₄alkyloxyC(=O), C₁₋₄alkylC(=O), mono- or di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC(=O), arylaminoC(=O), *N*-(aryl)-*N*-(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC(=O), methanimidamidyl, *N*-hydroxy-methanimidamidyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₄alkyl)methanimidamidyl, Het₁ or Het₂; *R*₂ is H, C₁₋₁₀alkyl, C₂₋₁₀alkenyl, C₃₋₇cycloalkyl, wherein said C₁₋₁₀alkyl, C₂₋₁₀alkenyl and C₃₋₇cycloalkyl may be optionally substituted; *R*₃ is nitro, cyano, amino, halo, hydroxy, C₁₋₄alkyloxy, hydroxyC(=O), aminoC(=O), C₁₋₄alkyloxyC(=O), mono- or di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC(=O), C₁₋₄alkylC(=O), methanimidamidyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₄alkyl)methanimidamidyl, *N*-hydroxy-methanimidamidyl or Het₁; for use as a medicine. The invention further relates to a novel subgroup of the compounds of formula (I), and to compositions comprising compounds of formula (I).